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The reply brief filed December 23, 2002 has been entered and considered.

[As noted in the reply brief of December 23, 2002, the Examiner's statement in the Examiner's Answer with respect to the Grouping of claims is incorrect concerning claim 25 - i.e., claim 25 is grouped separately from the other claims. The remaining claims (other than claim 25) stand together.]

The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

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